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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE MCGOVERN, SHERROD TALKED WITH HIM TODAY AND WITHOUT WAITING FOR H REPORTING CABLE MIGHT FILL YOU IN BRIEFLY. SENATOR PRESENTED HIS DRAFT ITINERARY OF MOSCOW AUGUST 20-23, LENINGRAD, KIEV AND YALTA, LATTER PARTLY WITH THOUGHT HE MIGHT CATCH VACATIONING SOVIET LEADERS THERE. HE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST MEETING WITH BREZHNEV, KOSYGIN, GROMYKO, BUT IS FOCUSED ON ARBATOV, WITH WHOM HE WOULD LIKE LEISURELY LUNCH OR DINNER CONVERSATION IN SOME DEPTH. HE IS UNDERSTANDING ABOUT VACATION TIME, LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF SEEING TOP LEADERS IN LENINGRAD, KIEV, AND STRESSED THAT HE DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT SO MANY CALLS THAT HE MISSES CULTURAL, ARTISTIC, SIGHTSEEING ASPECT ON THIS HIS FIRST VISIT TO USSR. HE IS CONSIDERING NOVOSIBIRSK AS ALTERNATIVE TO YALTA, AND LISTED EAST-WEST RELATIONS, DETENTE, TRADE, ARMS  
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CONTROL AND AGRICULTURE AS INTERESTS. HE ASKED ABOUT CHANCES OF SEEING SAKHAROV OR OTHER DISSIDENTS AND WHILE ACCEPTING REASONS WHY THIS IS A BAD IDEA, ASKS AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF TALKING TO SUCH PEOPLE. HE WANTS TO DEPART USSR AUGUST 30 EN ROUTE HOME.

2. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT CODEL YATES HAS CANCELLED THE

MOSCOW PORTION OF HIS TRIP. A FORMAL NOTIFICATION CABLE WILL BE CLEARED OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT ON MONDAY. YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE WHEN THE TRIP APPEARED ON WAS APPRECIATED.

3. ON CONSULAR FRONT, WEISZ PANELLED TODAY AND PROBLEM IS NOW GETTING HIM INTO 23 DAY CONSULAR COURSE ASAP. INR STILL HAS HOLD ON MANDEL BUT WE HAVE A HOPEFUL BREACH IN THE LINE. CARTER, WHO HAS PERSONAL OBSTACLES TO LEAVING WASHINGTON NOW, IS EAGER TO REPLACE MANDEL IN INR. FACT HE HAS JUST BEEN NAMED ONE OF OUTSTANDING OFFICERS IN SCA, PLUS HIS MA IN RUSSIAN STUDIES SHOULD MAKE HIM AS ATTRACTIVE TO INR AS HE IS TO US. CHANCES ARE LOOKING UP FOR GETTING ONE OF THEM SPRUNG AND OUT TO YOU.

4. KAHN PAPER COMPANY HAS CALLED ABOUT PAYMENT FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY ITEMS IT SUPPLIED. THE TOTAL BILL WAS DOLLARS 543.15. IS PAYMENT EN ROUTE?

5. WE ARE REPEATING STATE 170361 WHICH CONTAINS NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO GENEVA GROWING OUT OF EXCHANGES WITH THE SOVIETS HERE IN WASHINGTON. VANCE

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